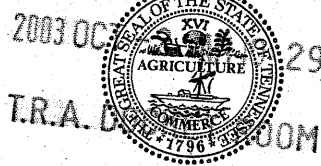


TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 - 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Pursuant to Federal Rule 54.314(a), October 1st Certification Requirement for
High Cost Universal Service Support, CC Docket No. 96-45.

Dear Secretary:

This letter is sent to certify that all eligible carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority¹ have provided self certification that federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) of the Communications Act. No non-rural carriers in Tennessee are eligible to receive this support. A list of all eligible rural carriers under the jurisdiction of the TRA and the study area code for each follows:

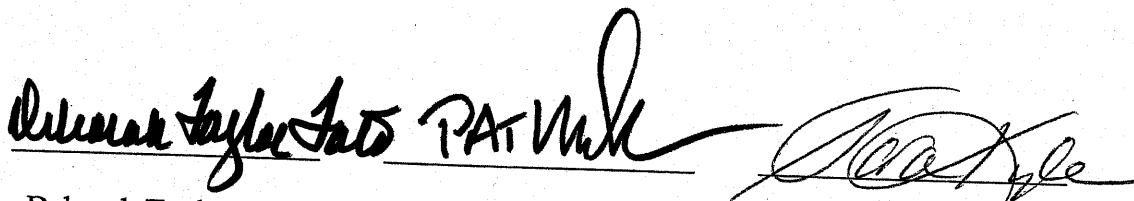
<u>State</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
TN	290280	Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	294336	Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. 299001
TN	290557	CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.
TN	290552	CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.
TN	290574	CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.
TN	290577	Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, LLC 290580
TN	290559	Concord Telephone Exchange
TN	290561	Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	294336	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC

¹ According to Tennessee statutes, telephone cooperatives are not subject to TRA jurisdiction, and therefore are not being certified in this letter. It is our understanding that cooperatives must file appropriate certification directly with the FCC and USAC. Tennessee has 10 telephone cooperatives operating in the state.

TN	290566	Humphrey's County Telephone Company
TN	290570	Loretto Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290571	Millington Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290576	Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290578	Tellico Telephone Company
TN	290575	Tennessee Telephone Company
TN	290581	United Telephone Company
TN	290583	West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.

This filing is made pursuant to CC Docket No. 96-45.

Sincerely,

Three handwritten signatures are shown in black ink. The first signature on the left is for Deborah Taylor Tate, the middle one is for Pat Miller, and the one on the right is for Sara Kyle. Each signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deborah Taylor Tate
Chairman

Pat Miller
Director

Sara Kyle
Director